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Greetings,

My name is Phyllise J. Wilkins, Ed. D., the newly appointed Superintendent at the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-Disabled at Hampton (VSDBM-H). As the current school year draws to a close, the many dedicated professionals here at the agency are already working hard to make sure our students will once again be returning to a positive safe learning environment for the upcoming school year this September.

During the month of July, the Extended School Year (ESY) program (July 8-25) and our own Summer Camp (July 8-18) will be in operation. Early school registration is August 27, 2007, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and our regular registration will resume September 4, 2007. Our school will reopen September 5, 2007. Communication with you and keeping you informed is very important to me; therefore, I encourage you to visit our website @ [www.vsdbmh.virginia.gov](http://www.vsdbmh.virginia.gov) for important school news, consolidation updates, and general information.

The two major initiatives for the new school year are not new to VSDBM-H. Our number one priority is to continue our focus on instruction and our number two priority is our strategic plan.

The focus on instruction means that we enable and support our staff in finding creative and innovative ways that lead to the very best teaching and learning opportunities for every student. Through planning, we are creating opportunities for collaboration among staff members, and collaboration with parents, school divisions and the community. The intent is to improve teaching, and provide teaching support that meets every child's unique learning style.

I look forward to our continued partnership for the 2007-2008 school year. The commitment and dedication of parents, students, staff, and the community contributes immeasurably to student success at VSDBM-H.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Phyllise J. Wilkins, Ed. D.